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SUBJECT: PROPOSED JOINT STATEMENT ON SIGNING OF JSA AGREEMENT

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1. PURSUANT RECOMMENDATION PARA 4C, REF D. FOLLOWING IS
A PROPOSED STATEMENT FOR ISSUANCE BY OURSELVES AND ROKG
FOLLOWING SIGNATURE OF AGREEMENT ON NEW JSA ARRANGEMENTS:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WELCOME THE SIGNING OF THE
AGREEMENT AMENDING THE MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION HEAD-
QUARTERS AGREEMENT A PANMUNJOM, SEPTEMBER (BLANK), 1976.
THE TWO GOVERNMENTS BELIEVE THAT THE NEW ARRANGEMENTS,
RESTRICTING MOVEMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL OF BOTH SIDES TO
THEIR RESPECTIVE PORTIONS OF THE JSA, ELIMINATING CONTACT
IN THE JSA INFRINGING ON PERSONAL SAFETY, AND REMOVING THE
NORTH KOREAN GUARD POSTS FROM THE UNC SIDE OF THE JSA,
COMPRISE A REALISTIC AND CONSTRUCTIVE STEP WHICH WHEN IMPL-
MENTED WILL BETTER ASSURE THE SECURITY OF PERSONNEL OF BOTH
SIDES IN THE JOINT SECURITY AREA. THE TWO GOVERNMENTS
AFFIRM THAT (BOTH IN THE SPIRIT AS WELL AS THE LETTER
OF THE AGREEMENT) THEY WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEE
THAT THESE NEW ARRANGEMENTS ARE IMPLEMENTED EFFECTIVELY,
SO THAT PROVOCATIONS MAY BE AVOIDED IN FUTURE. THEY
URGE THAT THE SIGNATORS OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

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FOR THE OTHER SIDE DO THE SAME.

OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR PART WILL CONTINUE
TO AVOID PROVOCATIVE ACTS, ALONG THE FULL LENGTH OF
THE DMZ AS WELL AS WITHIN THE JSA. IN THE SPIRIT OF THE NEW
AGREEMENT, THEY WILL HOLD THE NORTH KOREAN SIDE
RESPONSIBLE FOR AVOIDING FUTURE PROVOCATIVE ACTIONS.
AS THE RESPONSE OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES AND
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA TO THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT HAS
DEMONSTRATED, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE DETERMINED
TO RESPOND FIRMLY TO NORTH KOREAN PROVOCATIONS.
NORTH KOREAN LEADERS SHOULD HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT THIS
FACT IN DETERMINING THEIR FUTURE ACTIONS. END QUOTE

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